



**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**SUBJECT:** Packaging Reduction

**PURPOSE:** To examine effective legislative solutions to reduce packaging

Albany  
Tuesday, October 24, 2023  
9:30 a.m.  
Hearing Room C, LOB

**ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY**

As municipal recycling programs struggle with increased costs, they often face the choice of either increasing taxes or significantly limiting the materials they accept, leading to lower recycling rates. However, a growing number of countries and states have adopted laws to shift the end-of-life responsibility for material management from municipalities to producers by establishing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs. Almost one-third of the waste generated in the United States is from plastic and packaging,<sup>1</sup> meaning a reduction in usage and increased reuse/refill systems and recycling could have a significant impact. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony regarding potential legislative solutions, such as an EPR program, for packaging reduction.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to three minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> Containers and packaging: Product-specific data | US EPA. (n.d.)

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Persons invited to present testimony at the public hearing on Packaging Reduction are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail, email, or fax it to:

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